

COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MAY 16, 2006

- I. Mayor Fred Armstrong called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.
 - A. Opening Prayer was given by Dean Mathis, minister at First Christian Church.
 - B. Pledge – Mayor Armstrong led the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - C. Roll Call: Present: Jesse Brand, Ann DeVore, George Dutro, Robert Kittle, Martha Myers, August Tindell- Absent Jim Lienhoop.
 - D. Martha Myers announced it was National Law Enforcement Week and asked everyone to remember those who serve in that capacity.
 - E. Acceptance of Minutes from the previous meeting: Martha Myers moved to approve the minutes from the last regularly scheduled meeting of April 18, 2006. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action

None
- III. New Business Requiring Council Action
 - A. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO.16, 2006, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK-TREASURER TO EXECUTE STATEMENT OF BENEFIT FORMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN A PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1-7.” (Toyo America Inc.) Jim Clouse, Program Manager for Community Development, presented this Resolution. Sam Miura and Tom Ehara were at the Council meeting representing Toyo America, along with Christopher Felts of Barnes &Thornburg, LLC, legal counsel for Toyo America, Inc. Toyo America, Inc. requested tax abatement on real property in conjunction with an expansion of its facilities. The new facility would be two times larger than the existing facility and would cost approximately \$2,800,000. As a result of the expansion, Toyo America, Inc. would retain 35 current full-time employees and hire an additional 5 full-time employees. Council person, Robert Kittle, reported the Incentive Review Committee met and found Toyo America, Inc. to be in substantial compliance. Mr. Kittle indicated this was the company’s third (3rd) tax abatement. Robert Kittle moved to approve the Resolution. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
 - B. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO.17, 2006, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK-TREASURER TO EXECUTE STATEMENT OF BENEFIT FORMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN A PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1-7.” (LHP Software LLC) Jim Clouse presented the tax abatement.

LHP requested tax abatement on real property in conjunction with the renovation of its facilities located at 703 Washington Street, Columbus. LHP will create living quarters for employees of LHP Software requiring an investment of \$500,000. As a result of the renovation, LHP Software will retain all employees and hire an additional 5 full-time employees. Ryan Hou, President of LHP spoke of his plans for the renovated facility. Robert Kittle indicated the Incentive Review Committee met prior to the Council meeting and found LHP to be in substantial compliance. Councilman Kittle stated this was LHP second (2nd) tax abatement. Robert Kittle made a motion to approve the Resolution. Jesse Brand seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

- C. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.____, 2006, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP, A PART OF TITLE 17 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, RE-ZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM “I-3” (HEAVY INDUSTRIAL) TO “SU-3” (SPECIAL USE – PUBLIC PARKS & RECREATION FACILITIES.” (PAAL 2nd expansion rezoning) Jeff Bergman, Planning Director, presented this Ordinance. Jeff Bergman indicated this was a postponement of the Ordinance that was on the agenda on April 18, 2006. Mr. Bergman did indicate to the Council that both PAAL and the Board of Aviation report a mutual understanding of the project and have requested that the rezoning request be modified to include only the area shown on the site map as indicated. Jeff Bergman showed the site map. Discussion followed. Mr. Bergman stated that both the staff of the Plan Department and the Plan Commission gave this a favorable recommendation. Martha Myers made a motion to place in proper channels. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

IV. Other Business

- A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports.
- B. Next regular scheduled meeting will be June 6, 2006 at 7:00 P.M.
- C. Adjournment: Martha Myers moved to adjourn the meeting. Jesse Brand seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:25 o'clock P.M.

Presiding Officer of the Common Council

Attest:

Columbus City Clerk Treasurer